

Welcome to Middle Earth Chat

What meme would Gandalf share with Bilbo? What video link do the dwarves love? Have you heard Smaug's favorite sad song?

Using the **Middle Earth Chat** binder, create a typical day of chatting between, say, Bilbo and Gandalf, Thorin and Bilbo, or Gollum and...well, probably Gollum. Make your characters reveal life in Middle Earth through only their chats.

Rules:

1. You must remain in character in the **Middle Earth Chat** binder at all times. This binder is special. It can only contain entries from hobbits and dwarves and dragons and the like. It cannot contain entries from you, the seventh grader in English class. You use the "class chat" or "group chat" binder.
2. Participate daily. Think Facebook for Middle Earth. Wanna be a background character, maybe an elven shopkeeper who sits back and watches the story unfold? Then be the best elven shopkeeper you can be; post boring photos of your lunch or share crazy stories you heard from a dwarf the other day. You can make up a character who matches your personality, or you can be adventurous and try something new. Regardless, all characters must progress through the plot of *The Hobbit* each day until we reach the end.
3. Play nice. It may be Middle Earth, but this binder is still a safe, public forum. Keep it free of any bullying or inappropriateness. This means no name calling, no rude remarks, no fiery rants, no foul language, etc. Behave, and we will all have fun.
4. Hints: Read aloud what you are going to post to see if it sounds the way you want. Think before you type. DO NOT use emoji that are vague or obscure in meaning. Elves love to pick on others, but not in a personal way. You may make fun of beards, clumsiness, noises, etc., but nothing personal!

I, _____, will be _____
(Print your name.) (What character are you?)

in the "Middle Earth Chat" Binder. By signing below, I agree to follow the rules and participate fully. Any action on my part that results in the loss of iPad privileges or expulsion from the chat will earn me a zero for the final project grade.

(Signature)

(Date)